

# THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## Wonderful Outpouring of the Spirit In Many Places Every True Soldier Should Be In The Line of Battle GREAT REVIVAL IN CLEVELAND, TENN. 53 Saved, 43 Sanctified, 38 Received the Holy Ghost, 40 Added to the Church

### JESUS BLESSING IN MANY WAYS

LAFAYETTE, Ga.—We began a revival here the 4th of June with the writer and the Pastor, John Derlin, in charge. Brother John Burk, district pastor, joined us Wednesday. The Lord blessed from the very first service.

Some came to the altar to get reclaimed and some to get saved. The messages were sent from the throne of God with the Holy Ghost and power for the people were held spell bound and conviction seized hearts. Some of the saints said that people came who were never seen there before. We are praising God for this.

Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Oh that we will lift up Jesus in our lives as well as preach the Word for Mark said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Oh for people who will not compromise with sin in any form. So many people claim to be sanctified and don't know what Bible sanctification is. Our Christ is brought to an open shame. Christ does not dwell in a filthy temple so let us stand firm for a clean way for nothing impure can ever enter Heaven. Well praise God forever and ever.

Souls were saved, eight were sanctified and six were filled with the Holy Ghost for we saw His power manifested and heard His voice according to Acts 2:4. We are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Nine were baptized in water. The saints were blessed and shouted, danced and talked in tongues so the Lord blessed in many ways and with all the good things and He is supplying their needs for a house to worship in. In less than four days two lots were bought and the deed made to the Church of God at Lafayette, Ga. One dear sister gave fifty dollars. Several were appointed to solicit for the building and by the time the meeting was over a nice donation was in the bank for the purpose of building a church house. Mr. Lander promised to do the brick work free of charge and he is not a church member either but is hungry for the experience. Pray for him. Oh that God will reward every soul a hundred fold. They will soon have a house to worship in that they can call the house of God. Thank God for what He is doing in Lafayette. Pray for us over here at Blairsville.—Mattie Buckalew Rich.

### The Power of God Was Great

MARKED TREE, Ark.—We wish to add our testimony to the Evangel and praise the Lord for His wonderful love and power and His mighty blessings upon us here at Marked Tree.

On Sunday night, June the 19th we all met at our little church house for service, and the Lord met with us. Brother J. A. McQuinn was there and brought us a wonderful message which stirred our souls and made us rejoice. At the close of the service five or six were prayed for for the healing of their bodies and the power of God was great. We don't know just the results of this service but we are looking for greater things ahead. We are expecting Brother Morgan in a few days to hold us a meeting so we ask an interest in your prayers for the success of this meeting.—A. R. Willingham.

PLEASANT HILL, Tenn.—Brother C. B. Isabell of Davidson held a revival at this place. The saints were edified and strengthened, several saved and sanctified and five received

J. S. Llewellyn, Editor and Publisher, off for the Lone Star State where he joins R. P. Johnson, Overseer, and others in the great Texas State Camp Meeting at Weatherford, August 4-14 inclusive.

### Great Outpouring Of The Holy Spirit

LENOIR CITY, Tenn.—Our revival has just come to a very successful close with victory for God and the Church. The meeting began with a good spirit prevailing. The Holy Ghost was present to do his work in convicting souls.

Brother Luther A. Richard, Pastor, did the preaching. The Lord wonderfully blessed him in giving out the Word in its purity and fullness, uncompromising and with great love. People were shown their lost condition and came to the altar crying out to God for salvation. From one to five or six prayed their way through every night, after the first altar call was made, until twenty-five were saved, twenty-three sanctified, twenty-four received the precious Holy Ghost, ten were baptized in water and seven came into the church with more to follow. The city was stirred as never before and the building was packed to its capacity. The church was benefited and edified. All seemed in perfect unity and love and enjoyed working for God.

We observed the Lord's Supper and feet washing on the last Saturday night. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. If you come to Lenoir City for one service, you will surely want to come again. We think Brother Richard is one among the best pastors we have ever had. He lives the life, goes in and out before the church feeding the flock and doing his best for the work. In connection with the revival, he taught singing and children's Bible school which proved a blessing to the children of the town. We appreciate this very much and hope to keep him as our pastor for next year. Our Sunday School is prospering with one hundred average attendance. Pray that the Lord will ever keep us true.—Mrs. Belle Buck.

### I PRAISE HIM FOR HEALING POWER

McCRORY, Ark.—I want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel to my Redeemer for His tender mercies toward me. I want to praise Him for healing my baby last week, I promised Him I would testify to it but the sweetest of all is the precious Holy Ghost abiding with me now and I want everybody to pray that my faith may be increased and that He will give me grace to overcome the enemy for I have many trials and temptations to go through with sometimes. O that the Lord would guide my way, To keep His statutes still; O that my Lord would grant me grace, To know and do His will!

Order my foot steps by the word, And make my heart sincere, Let sin have no dominion Lord, But keep my conscience clear.

Make me to walk in thy commands, 'Tis a delightful road; Nor let my head nor heart nor hands Offend against my Lord.—Bessie Fowler.

ed the Holy Ghost and we are glad that so many young folks were blessed here, praise God. He is going to have praise and if He can't get the older ones to do His work, He will get the young ones to do it.

We are hoping to get a church set in order soon and get to work right again. The better I understand God's word the better I love the church.—Mr. M. D. Steelman.

### The Feast of Trumpets

#### Representing the Return of the Jews.

F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

...These are the feasts of the Lord, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

Doubtless the Feast of Trumpets refers to the regathering of the Jews, or rather the entire Israel to Palestine. A long interval elapsed between Pentecost and the Trumpets, thus showing that there will be a great period of time between the first outpouring of the Spirit and the trumpet blowing.

This feast is followed by the day of atonement, as referred to in Zechariah 13:1. This feast fell on the seventh new moon. This fell in the month Tishri.

This day was observed as a feast day by resting from all work. At the same time they blew trumpets from morning till evening. It was a day of gladness, all worry, toil and hardships were laid aside. Ten days later came the day of atonement, fifteen days later came the Feast of Tabernacle.

They offered many sacrifices during this feast. The day came to be regarded as the anniversary of the beginning of the world. The leaders in Israel believed that on this day God judged all men, that they passed before Him as a flock of sheep pass before a shepherd.

This day marked the beginning of the new year for the Jews. The type

set forth here, very vividly pictures the return of the Jews to Palestine. As there was a considerable space of time between the Jewish Pentecost and the Feast of Trumpets so there is a great space of time between the giving of the Spirit at Pentecost and the call of the Jews to return to Palestine.

God calls for all the inhabitants to take notice when He begins to blow the trumpet. The trumpets at that time were to be blown within the temple, and on the Sabbath as well as any other day.

God will blow the trumpet by the aid of His ministers, on the Sabbath the same as other days. Listen to the Scripture. All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains, and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye. Also see Isaiah 27:12-13 which treats of the regathering of Israel. It shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall beat off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great TRUMPET shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship (Continued on page two)

### Dedication August 14th

PETERSBURG, W. Va.—To the saints of the Church of God scattered abroad, greetings in Jesus' name. I am glad to report victory for the saints at this place. A few weeks ago I left my home in Preston, N. Dak. and came to Petersburg, W. Va. I found the saints on fire for God and everything moving on nicely. We have a nice church 32 x 48 nearing completion. It will be ready for dedication if the Lord is willing, by the 14th of August. We are expecting Brother Scoggins, the State Overseer of W. Va., to be with us at that time.

We held a few days meeting here and at Keyser, W. Va., about four sanctified, one saved and two received the Holy Ghost. On Sunday, July 3, we had a baptismal service. Fourteen obeyed Jesus' command and were baptized in water in the presence of about 1,500 or 2,000 people and the Lord surely did manifest His power in the service.

The harvest is ripe in these parts of the country but the laborers are few. The success of this place is due to the untiring zeal of Brother J. M. Kile, a young man just starting out in the ministry in the Church of God. We have not only one Sanballat at this place, but many. As they tried to hinder Nehemiah in building the walls of Jerusalem, so they are trying to hinder the building of the church at this place. We ask the prayers of the saints everywhere.—J. W. Tanner.

### Wonderful Victory

OLUSTEE, Fla.—We began a revival May 8th with Brother R. E. Drymon in charge. The Lord was with us from the first service in mighty power. There was a large number of seekers at the altar seeking God as the service went on from time to time for three weeks which brought us to the fifth Sunday in May. We had Home Coming Day this Sunday. D. Tidwell, our district overseer, from Jacksonville, was with us that day and gave the welcome address. Brother Drymon then brought a good message on "Loyalty of Pastors and Laymembers of the Church of God."

Dinner was served in the shade of the beautiful oaks. The contents of many filled baskets were spread and when thanks were given the crowd gathered around and feasted on the good things that God had blessed us with for nourishment of the body. From here we went to the beautiful lake and baptismal service was held. Nine were baptized and our hearts were made glad amid shouts of praises and talking in tongues. After we returned to the church Sister Drymon gave a lesson on Sunday School interest which was enjoyed by all. At 8:00 p. m. Brother Drymon brought an interesting message and we took the Lord's Supper and had feet washing.

We feel that much and lasting good was done in this meeting. Three were sanctified, four baptized with the Holy Ghost, nine baptized in water and eleven added to the church. The meeting closed Wednesday with a number of seekers at the altar. All pray for us. This is a new field. Many people are looking this way. May God bless Brother and Sister Drymon much in evangelistic work.—Z. R. Thomas, Pastor.

### BE CAREFUL AND PRAY MUCH

BLACKSHEAR, Ga.—With a heart full of God's love I want to testify for His glory. I am glad that Jesus has brought me out of darkness into this wonderful light and the Holy Ghost abides. I dearly love the Lord because He has been so good to me. In all my trouble He has been with me.

He has healed me many times. Just a few weeks ago I had something like flu and I trusted the Lord all the way through and He healed me. I am giving Him the praise for it. I want to tell the world that God can save from sin, He can redeem and wash us in the precious blood. If we will just get right with God and live for Him He will do wonderful things for us. He has many things prepared for us if we will just look with the eye of faith. In the day that ye hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

Jesus will give us power to bear our cross when we are willing and serving Him. Let us cheer up for we are near the end of the way according to the Bible. We have to be burdened for our loved ones and others who are out in sin but Jesus will be with us. He will never leave nor forsake us. Bless His sweet name. I feel the need of more prayer.

The enemy has it in for me and is working on my body again, but I am fighting him. I don't get to go to church often so ask you all to pray for me. I believe that God is calling us to a oneness. He gave His life blood to sanctify unto Himself a glorious church without spot or wrinkle. Be careful and pray much. I would love to spend the balance of my days in the vineyard of the Lord. Please remember my family and me in your prayers.—Mrs. Sarah Jordan, R. 4, box 114.

### GOD IS LOVE

I praise the Lord for ever saving me from a life of sin, sanctifying me and baptizing me with the sweet Holy Ghost. I do thank Him for His healing power. He has healed my body many times, has also healed my children. I am glad I can say I am a member of the dear old Church of God. It makes us love one another, not only in word but in deed. "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." 1 John 3:1-3.

I want to thank the Lord for sending Brother Chambers to Dalton, Ga. to hold a meeting. We surely believe he is a God sent man. He gave out the Word with power and there was a number saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Several came into the church.

Brother Chambers went to Rome, Ga., and when last heard of, thirty had received the Holy Ghost and one of my boys was in that number. I am feeling good in spirit. We hope the Lord will send Brother Chambers back to hold another meeting here. We feel sure that there has been much good done. Saints, let us pray more than ever before; let us love one another as Christ also loved the church. Love is of God and every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God for God is love. I earnestly ask the saints to pray for me that I may stay in the center of God's will at all times. Also pray for my unsaved husband and children that they may come in before it is too late.—Mrs. M. F. Rainey.

### The Kentucky STATE CAMP MEETING

Will Convene Near

RAVENNA, Ky.

AUG. 20th TO SEPT. 4th



REV. G. A. FORE.

We especially want all the ministers and all who can to attend this meeting. We are expecting a good time in the Lord, so please don't forget the date and pray for the success of the meeting, that God will give us many souls. The writer will be in charge, with others assisting.

G. A. FORE, Overseer of Kentucky



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## The Feast of Trumpets

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the Lord in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

## THE VOICE, A TRUMPET

Notice, that the trumpet is not only a trumpet, but it is a great trumpet. Also notice that with the blowing of the great trumpet the Jews will be regathering.

Also see Isaiah 58. Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins. V. 1.

Blow a trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand.

Since the Feast of Trumpets came after Pentecost was ended, so it will be at the close of this Pentecostal period. The trumpets shall sound within the temple of God (the Church) not only on the Sabbath, but every day will this message of the kingdom go forth until the final culmination of the Gentile age.

John the Baptist came preaching, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Jesus came preaching the same message. The disciples also preached it, but they crucified the King and would not have Him reign over them. He wept bitterly over them and said that He would have gathered them as a hen gathereth her brood under her wing but they would not. From that time the message of the kingdom of heaven ceased, but at the close of the Pentecostal days the message of the kingdom of heaven is to be resumed. The ministers will lift up their voices like a trumpet making announcement that the day of the Lord is at hand, also the time of Israel's return is at hand. We are hearing a toot or two of this trumpet occasionally, but as the fig tree (Jewish nation) comes near maturity, or full bloom we may expect to hear more of this trumpet, (the Millennium Message).

## THAT DAY, THE KEY WORD

This Feast of Trumpets is to be a day of all days to the Jews. It makes the beginning of all things to them, when the long looked for Messiah shall take control and sit upon the throne of David.

The Pentecostal days will soon be over and the trumpet will announce that the greatest of all feasts is at hand.

And in that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.—Isa. 12:1.

And it shall come to pass in the day that the Lord shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve, that thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon.

These with scores of other Scriptures show that the Jews are to return and enjoy sweet rest from their oppressors. They will no more fear. They will draw water from the wells of salvation, they will praise the Lord and be very happy.

In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy. Isa. 4:2-3.

In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbor under the vine and under the fig tree. Zech. 3:10. In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. Zech.

## DECISION FOR PRESENT DISTRESS

## Some Items From Different Minutes On the Divorce Subject.

F. J. Lee

"It was decided that there was only one cause granted for a divorce that would leave either party innocent and at liberty to marry again, and that was fornication or adultery."

It was further decided that none who are divorced and married again are eligible for membership in the Lord's church except the innocent party of Matthew 5:32.

The Assembly recommended that this subject should have due consideration in receiving members into the church. 1908 Book of Minutes, page 27.

This subject again discussed in the Assembly of 1909, and decided to let the minute of 1908 remain unchanged with this exception. We recommend that the church to which they wish to unite, appoint a committee to investigate the case, and for the church then to act according to the advice given by the Assembly. Book of Minutes, page 51.

As the Assembly failed to settle the divorce and remarriage question, it decided to leave the matter as given in the minutes of past Assemblies recommending to reprint those instructions in these minutes.

The Assembly re-appointed the five men who were appointed at the last Assembly, with seven others, to consider this subject and bring to next Assembly their report. 1913 Minutes.

The committee on Divorce and Remarriage reported that they could not agree. They gave a majority and minority report. The majority favored settling the matter in harmony with the undecided plan outlined in previous Assemblies with the exception of a slight amendment. The minority opposed this plan, but did not make any special statement of their views.

A question arose which called for the reading of the old minutes and a fuller explanation.

EXPLANATION: All who are divorced for any cause OTHER than fornication and re-married while their former husbands are living should not be received into the church.

The man or woman who puts away husband or wife for the cause of fornication and marries again may be received into the church. Investigation should be made when such people wish to join the church to see whether they are of the former or latter class. Book of Minutes 1914, page 26.

The people were so equally divided that a decision could not yet be reached and the matter will have to be continued. So we will continue to follow the old order for the present." 1915 Book of Minutes.

We have given to the public what we find in the several minutes of the Assembly on the Divorce and Remarriage subject. We have selected the items which the minutes state were decided as a working rule for the present and not what some individual advised.

The above explanation as to how the church is handling the subject is correct except in one point. You will notice at the beginning of these minutes, "It was decided that there is only one cause granted for divorce that would leave either party innocent and at liberty to marry again and that is FORNICATION OR ADULTERY." The explanation left off adultery.

This subject came up in several Assemblies and has always referred to the 1908 Assembly as the present working rule. God has been blessing the church under these present working rules. There is no special confusion over the subject. My advice is, "doing well is hard to beat." Let us move right on as at present until something better presents itself.

Those who have two living companions and are desiring to become members of the church should not present themselves for membership until they have spoken to the pastor, who will appoint a committee to investigate and see for what cause divorce has been given.

I have not given my view on this subject, but have given some of the findings of the Assembly. They decided that the above was the best plan they could find at present, but the matter is not closed, but held open for more light if possible on the subject.

We want to be very charitable to those who seem to see differently to what the Assembly has adopted for our present workings.

We are not to agitate this subject or try to force our views on the public, but are to move on together with a hope that at some future date all may see eye to eye on this subject.

Gap, assisted by Brother Adams. I was with them in two services and will say in behalf of our dear Brother Hart, that we are very glad to have him in the Church of God. He is a man that gives all his time to the service of God and has had many years of experience in the Pentecostal movement.

I will leave Monday, 18th, D. V., to visit at least four or five Churches on the Ivanhoe District and will be around to see the rest over the state as soon as possible.—John C. Jernigan, State Overseer of Virginia.

The State Convention of the Church of God will convene at Logan, W. Virginia, August 17 to 21 inclusive. We are expecting all the ministers and deacons and as many others as possibly can to be present. So be sure to be on hand for the first service and stay until the close. We are looking for you to be there, so do not disappoint us.

H. N. Scoggins, State Overseer.

The Arkansas state camp meeting will be held at Little Red, eight miles east of Pangburn, Ark. at the foot hills of the Ozark Mountains. There are good roads out of Judsonia on the Iron Mountain out of St. Louis.

Those who are planning to attend and are expecting to come by rail, if you are from the south around Helena, come up to Pangburn on the M. N. A. R. R. Those in the eastern part of the state come over the R. I. to Wheatley then up on the M. N. A. R. R. Those of the northeastern part of the state come down the main line of the Missouri Pacific to Kensett, Ark., change cars, come up on the M. N. A. R. R. to Pangburn. We will have the trains met to take care of those coming on train.

There will be camping houses close for you to camp in. Come! Come!! Preachers and laity, let us have a general feast together for ten days. The meeting will begin Aug. 14th and continue thru Aug. 24th.

For further information write me at Forest City, Route 2. Let us all make preparations to attend this meeting. May God bless you all. Meet us at the State Camp Meeting at Little Red, eight miles east of Pangburn, Ark. on the Missouri North Arkansas Route. Yours for the Master.—Jesse Danehower.

I wish to notify all that we are now erecting a large tabernacle near Ravenna, Ky. for our State Camp Meeting. This is located near Ravenna, Ky. in the north eastern part of the state. It is not a community affair but is being built for the Church of

God as a State Camp Meeting ground.

We are planning our first meeting to begin about the last of August. The date will appear in the columns of the Evangel later. We only have a short time to erect the building by the above mentioned date and the committeemen are no doubt doing their best. We all are co-workers together as this is a state affair and not a community affair.

I advise that each local church make a special effort to send a liberal donation as early as possible to help in the erection of this building. Please don't neglect this as it is a part of your duty, also a chance in helping rescue the lost and in advancing the Church of God in your state. I feel I can depend on each church to do your bit in this. Send all contributions to Travis Daniel, Ravenna, Ky. State what sent for.—G. A. Fore, State Overseer of Ky.

Let every minister, deacon and laity in Arkansas plan to come to the State Convention at Marked Tree, Ark., July 29th to 31st. We have a good program made out. Surely God will be in our midst. Come expecting a good time with the Lord. Let this be the best one held in the State. May God bless you all. Attend the State Convention.—Your brother and State Overseer, Jesse Danehower.

## REQUEST

I want to request prayer through the Evangel that I may be healed of a severe stomach trouble. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and trusting God for healing.—F. H. Collier.

I request prayer of all the saints who read this for the healing of my body. I have a severe stomach trouble.—Francis Ashurst, Luretha, Ky.

I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and still in the battle for the Lord. I have been hindered some by being sick, also my wife has been hurt ever since the 19th of March. She is saved, sanctified and has the Holy Ghost. We mean to press our way through by His grace. We love the way and the Church of God better every day.

Dear saints everywhere, pray for my wife that she may be healed, also for me. We want to be found doing what He would have us do at all

## SPECIAL NOTICE

To the Churches of God in West Virginia:

I find that several of the churches have not done anything toward getting their share of the missionary allotment for West Virginia. Now we only have a short time before the Assembly in which to get our portion, so I want to insist that each pastor begin now to make up as much as a dollar per member for all of his churches and when we do this we will have our allotment. Now I am sure we do not want to be behind the others, so please be sure to get right after this matter at once, and let us go over the top right away. Please don't forget.

Yours for a greater missionary work.—H. N. Scoggins, State Overseer.

times. Please pray much for our healing.—A. D. Green and wife.

Brother D. F. Warren of Newport, Ky., requests prayer of all the saints for the healing of his body. He has rheumatism in his feet and wrist. Pray earnestly for him.—Bible student.

I wish to request the prayers of all Christians for my complete healing and entire victory over the devil. It seems the devil is working his best to destroy my body. I joined the Church of God less than a year ago but the band here has never been able to build a place of worship. We request the prayers of the saints of God for victory in Jesus' name.

I would like very much to get in touch with other Church of God boys as I am the youngest member here and it would be so much encouragement, there not being many young folks in the way at this place. My address is Taylorsville, N. C.—W. Horace Pratt.

The Lord has done so much for me and I want to give Him the praise. I was down for three months. I trusted the Lord and I am so much better. I ask the prayers of the Church of God that I will be healed for I believe in divine healing. I have a little boy twelve years of age who has been blind from his birth. I want you to pray for God to heal him. He says he believes God will heal him.—Mrs. C. Johnson.

## NOTICES :: SPECIALS

Anyone desiring my help in street meetings or revivals, I am at your service. I play seven different musical instruments. My chief instrument is the guitar. With my songs and music I am willing to work for the Lord with all my might. All that is expected is expenses. Write Gilford E. Tippins, Dunlap, Tenn.

I am going to start a meeting here at Loground, Mo., some time in August, about the 15th D. V. This is a new place for Pentecost or the Church of God. Who's ready to come and help pray this through? I believe in the Church of God, don't you? Let's prove our belief by our works.

Come on, come on, you can pray as much as you want to. A good place to test your faith. Souls must be told about Jesus and His church. I have two places now open for meetings and need your help and above all things, your prayers. Come over and help us.—John R. Rash and wife, Dist. Overseer of Kirksville Dist., Novinger, Mo., Route 1.

The Danville District Conference of the Church of God will convene near Schoolfield, Va., Cor. Jefferson and Chattin. Those riding street cars may get off at City Park.

This conference begins August 24th and continues through the 27th D. V. After business services close, the meeting will perhaps continue on until the 31st, or as long as the Lord leads. We are expecting ministers and co-workers from over the district and other places to be with us. This includes our State Overseer, who will bring to us some great messages from God's Word.

All are cordially invited to attend and share with us the blessings of the Lord, we are expecting Him with 14:20.

The Lord shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning; and the Lord God shall blow a trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south. Zech. 9:14.

And the Lord their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land. V. 16.

In Isaiah the key word is that day, having reference to the day of the Lord. The rapid return of the Jews shows that the day of the Lord is at hand.

us in great power.—F. W. Anderson, pastor.

The District Meeting of the western part of North Carolina will convene at Ravensford on August 26, 27, 28. We are expecting our State Overseer, Roy E. Blackwood, with us, also many others. Come one and all; you are invited.—Mrs. Bertha Grooms, Box 154, Ravensford, N. C.

Our District Convention will begin Friday night, August 5th, and continue Saturday and Sunday. This is for the Memphis District and will be at the Ripley Church of God, six miles southwest of Ripley. Would be glad all the ministers and workers in the district would be there. We are expecting our State Overseer to be with us. Come one and all and enjoy a feast from the Lord.—B. H. Smith, Clerk, Ripley, Tenn., Route 5.

We are wanting some one who has a tent to come and hold us a meeting. Brother Fore, our State Overseer, said he would come and help in the meeting if we could get a tent, so anyone who has a tent write us and we will send for you at once. For full details of the place or for any other information you may write to either of the following: Blaine Adams, Box 1242, Lynch, Ky., H. W. Littion, Lynch, Ky., or W. H. Powell Lynch Ky. We are all members of the Church of God. Please pray for us.—Blaine Adams and family.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On account of the illness of my wife, I have been somewhat handicapped in getting over the state of Virginia and some of the Churches may feel that you have been neglected to some extent by your State Overseer, but I hope that you will bear with me and pray that God will give wife complete victory.

I have just recently returned from visiting all the Churches on the Norton District and was very much pleased with their progress. For the last year God has given us six new preachers and two new Churches, and revived two old Churches on that district. Brother Boyd Hart, the last minister to come in, was in a successful tent revival in his home town, Pennington

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## THE ASSEMBLY

Last week the head lines of the Evangel announced the date of our 22nd Annual Assembly which will convene the 24th of October to the 30th inclusive.

You will want to go this year sure. Everybody is interested about the Church of God, and more so since God has so graciously smiled upon her.

### Special Rates on the Railroad

Last year we fell short in getting the rates because of so many coming by automobile. We must not fall short this time. I feel confident that we will not, because there is evidence that the attendance will be greater.

### Ministers Should Buy Tickets

I don't mean by the subhead that they are in the habit of hobnobbing or walking, but I mean, you should lay aside your clergy book and come as other members. I think the rate will be just as cheap as your clergy rate. By so doing we will be certain of getting our rates. So I am going to insist that every minister help us in this effort to get rates for the people.

Let us begin now to plan to go to the greatest Assembly of the Church of God ever held in Cleveland, Tennessee.—F. J. Lee.

## PRACTICAL ADVICE TO THE MINISTRY

By John C. Jernigan.

TEXT.—Titus 1:7, 8, 9.

For a Bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God, not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre, but a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy temperate, holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

### Introduction

The text is a portion of Paul's letter to Titus instructing him concerning the qualifications of bishops, not that Titus' qualifications were not sufficient, but he was on the Island of Crete and Paul was giving him orders to ordain elders in every city, and in this text he is only giving him a guide, mentioning a few things that must exist in the every day life of a minister. Also showing that he must be a man of ability, able by sound doctrine to exhort and convince the gainsayers.

We have no record where the qualifications of a minister have ever been lowered, therefore I think this text is suitable and true to the theme, Practical advice to the ministry, and if there was ever a day that the ministry needed this advice it is now, for there are many mistakes being made in the common ministry causing great loss in human souls. That is my chief reason for coming before you with this message today.

### Preacher's Responsible and Exalted Position

The preacher should be the best man in town because he occupies the most exalted position accorded unto mankind and bears the greatest responsibility. He was not placed in this responsible position by human inauguration to officiate in the material things of this world, but by a divine hand to minister the holy things of God unto the souls of men. We are told in Acts 13:1-2, that there were certain prophets and teachers in the Church at Antioch and as they were praying and fasting before God, the Holy Ghost said, separate Barnabas and Saul for the work where unto I have called them. We have heard it said that God does not call men to preach, but sends them, but on this occasion God called Barnabas and Saul to do a work for Him and then came the time for man to do his duty in sending them, therefore these holy men of God guided by the Holy Ghost prayed and laid hands on them, ordaining them for the work that God had called them to. In the call God only has a part, but in the sending man has a part to perform, therefore no God-called man should get in too great a hurry, but wait until God has time to talk to the prophets and teachers about the sending. The failure of many is because they have jumped up and started too quickly, saying, Jesus said go preach the Gospel to every creature. That is all true, He spoke to the apostles and said, GO PREACH, and then he said again to the same men, BUT TARRY.

### His Mission

Now it becomes necessary for us to dig into the secret of the mission of those who had tarried until they were qualified, that we might be able to determine for our own selves our duty as ministers of the same Gospel.

We learn from the Acts 6:1 that when the number of disciples multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations. Then the twelve called the multitude of disciples unto them and said, it is not reason that we should leave the word of God and serve tables, wherefore brethren look ye out among you seven men of honest report full of the Holy

Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business, but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the Word. Acts 6:2, 3, 4. Every disciple is not called to preach the Gospel, therefore they cannot do it, but those whom God calls is expected to give their full time and attention to the spreading of the Gospel and let the others plow corn and serve tables. It was necessary that the tables be served, but the apostles said, it is not reason that they should leave the word of God to do so, but they must fulfill their mission as it was God's ordained plan that this Gospel should be preached into all the world by human agency, although it is possible that God could paint the Gospel in the skies in every language under heaven, or send angels and preach it in every town and country-side in the world. But that is not like God's plan, he has anointed men to preach it and if we don't do it, millions will die and be lost, that could have been saved.

When Cornelius was fasting and praying in his house, God sent an angel unto him, not to preach the Gospel, but to tell Cornelius where and how to get a preacher that would tell him what to do. The mystery hidden from us is why the angel did not tell Cornelius what to do instead of having him send all the way to Joppa for a preacher, only that we know God has not chosen angels to preach the Gospel, but men, and when Peter was sent for he was found on the house top praying and the Lord made known unto him his mission. Peter went doubting nothing and had a wonderful Pentecostal revival in the city of Caesarea.

If many ministers were sent for they would not be found on the house top praying where the Lord could make known unto them His will, as He did unto Peter, but the sent messenger would have to go to the fields, mines, factories, or some other place of employment to find them and then they would be afraid to go for fear their family would starve before they could get back.

### His Responsibility

My brethren this fact should not exist, every chosen man should come out from his hiding place and enter into the work where unto the Lord has called them, for there is a greater responsibility resting upon the ministry than any other profession. We are dealing with God in behalf of human souls, the highest valued thing in existence. When Jesus began to estimate its value, He placed its valuation more than all the world, by saying, for what shall it profit you if you should gain the whole world and lose your own soul, or what shall you give in exchange for your soul? The answer of the lost soul will be, the profit is nothing and if possible I would give all the world to hear one more Gospel sermon and have a chance to be saved. This thought should lodge in the mind of every minister, awakening him at the midnight hour and should stir him into such passion for soul saving that he could not be at rest off his duty. If this is not enough to arouse your passion for souls, stop and listen to what God said to Ezekiel concerning your own doom if you do not your duty, "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand." Ezek. 3:18.

There will be many bloody handed ministers in judgment because of their slowness in this world, therefore awake ye every God called man and blow the Gospel trumpet in

Zion, sound an alarm in the holy mountains, for behold the day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night and many preachers will not escape.

### The Preacher's Every Day Duty

There is no time to lose, but an every day duty is developed upon each minister of the Gospel of Christ. We all should have a set rule to never be idle as each day or even every moment there is something that we can be doing in the Gospel work.

### Not Be a Loafer

I especially wish to make mention of loafing around stores, town or any other public place. It shows a lack of interest in the work where unto we have been called and trusted with. It is also deadly poison to ones influence. The people of your community naturally expect more of you than any other man in the community, because you profess more and put yourself up as a leader. If you get in a habit of loafing around public places and if you are not careful, the first thing you know you will be taking a hand in the old tales that are usually found in such places. The next thing you are John or Tom Jones instead of Rev., Dr., or Mr. Jones or Smith. You don't have to smile upon any sin or foolishness in any one to gain their confidence or hold your influence with them, but if the meanest man in town sees you are a total abstainer from all evil, he will recognize you as a holy man of God, reverence your sermon and put confidence in your prayers. You will have a great chance to lead him to Christ. So let us who are filling this sacred position, grace it with righteousness, setting a pattern for the believers as Paul, the aged, exhorted Titus the younger. In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity. Titus 2:7.

### Be a Pattern

Paul was a perfect pattern unto the believers, steadfast in doctrine, uncorrupt in conversation and in deed and was always sincere in all his undertakings for Christ. He was worthy to exhort the younger minister to be likewise. The believers are looking to, and depending upon the ministry for advice. Whether we be young or old, married or single, it is expected that we be able to instruct and set an example that all mankind would do well to follow. As a rule, whatever the preacher indulgeth in, so do his followers and if they are reprov'd for their sin, they will say, that is nothing, the preacher does that, therefore let us be careful what we do or what we say, for the Christian experience of the laity of our churches will never rise higher than that of the minister's. If the pastor goes to the shows, his members will follow him; if he never has family worship at home the deacon and all others will more than likely pattern thereafter; if he is always late at church and Sunday School, as a rule the members are never in a very great hurry on Sunday morning and services at nights. They will say, we will get there now by the time the preacher gets there any way and in case we don't the preacher can't say anything, for he is always late himself.

My fellow laborer in the Gospel, let us dig deeper in our own Christian experience and the knowledge of His word that we may be able to lead the church into deeper spirituality and greater knowledge of God's eternal truth, which is one of the most essential things of our day. We are living in a day of deception, when men are being deceived and losing their soul. It is up to us to be able to reveal those deceptive doctrines and to instill the real doctrine of the Bible into the hearts and lives of our congregation for the Word is as a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.

### Always Be a Student—2 Tim. 2:15

Paul exhorted Timothy, who was a faithful minister of the Gospel of Christ, to study to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15. Some in the beginning of their ministry conceived an idea that if God had called them to preach the Gospel it would be unnecessary for them to study, or especially go to a Bible School, for fear they would drift into formality and only have the approval of man upon them, but in this text we are taught that it is the approval of God upon a man that studies. There is nothing that pleaseth God any more than a true blue loyal minister who spends his time preparing to unfold the mysteries of God's Bible.

It is one thing to know the Bible and another to be able to present it to your congregation in an intelligent way that they may understand it. To know the Bible you must study it and to know how to preach it, you should study other good books, such as grammar, spelling, homiletics and hundreds of other good books that you could read and study that would be of untold value to your ministry. Among the greatest needs of the common ministry is men who know how to rightly divide the Word of truth. There are many who can exhort and shout and get a few people saved, that is fine, I don't criticize that, but we are in need of more men who can take the Bible and dig down into its

doctrines and thereby subdue the doctrines of men and devils.

You have probably heard men in the pulpit brag about being unlearned and that God gives them all they know. My brethren, that should not be, you make a mistake when you do it, however it is no disgrace to be unlearned, neither is it any honor. If you were learned God would give you just as much and you would be more capable of retaining it. I have heard sermons and would be asked a short time afterward what the preacher preached about and I was forced to say I did not know. He might have touched on fifty subjects or even more, and they were all mixed up until I could not tell what he was driving at. My friend if you are that kind of a preacher don't be discouraged, but do your best in prayer and studying to do better. God will help you. Study your Bible, study your subject, don't conceive that old foggy idea, that if you study your sermon it is a cut and dried one, for you are only fulfilling what Paul instructed Timothy to do. If Timothy who was a student of the Bible from his youth, need to study, we surely do. God can and will help you at your desk just as much so as in the pulpit. Your time is not spent in vain when you are spending evening hours on the arrangements of one good sermon. By this statement don't understand me to say you should write out your sermon and memorize it, or read it in the pulpit, but so arrange it and pack it full of good sound doctrine that it will convince the gain-sayer, persuade the sinner and instruct the saints.

### Give Time to Prayer

When you are studying your sermon, don't forget to pray. It has been well said, that a prayerless life is a fruitless life, prayer is just as necessary as studying. By studying, you don't drive God out of your sermon but bring Him into it. A sermon should be prepared in the spirit of prayer and soaked into your mind until it becomes a part of you, then it can be delivered in the demonstration of the power and Spirit. If you will study your sermon in the attitude of prayer as I have described, you need not be afraid that you will put too much confidence in your own ability, for if you live a life of prayer and obedience to God, He will be so real in your thought that you will depend on Him.

(To be continued.)

## LET US IMPROVE THE TIME

DEUCHER, O.—Many years ago in 1776 the Declaration of Independence was signed, making the colonists free from the tyrannical rule of English kings. Before the signing of this important document, our forefathers had to be in humble submission to the royal powers, giving of their time and money in their service.

Finally the oppression became so great and such heavy taxes were imposed upon certain necessary articles of food and clothing that the yoke began to weigh heavily upon the shoulders of those who had left England for "life, liberty and pursuit of happiness." One of their first acts of rebellion followed their decision not to drink any more tea upon which was levied a tax and when the king persisted by sending another ship load of tea they met one night and dumped it all overboard into the harbor.

This is certainly like unto what takes place when we begin to feel the weight of Satan's yoke upon us. Thank God the church at Archers Fork, Ohio has signed the Declaration of Independence instigated by God the Father, witnessed by Jesus Christ and sealed by the Holy Ghost, declaring us forever free from the shackles of Satan, the prince of the powers of the air. We have thrown all his products overboard and started out with a new captain and a new crew and we don't intend to stop till we land right before the throne in the glory world. Our slogan is "Good-bye old world I'm thru with you," and we are going thru for Jesus leads the way.

I am sure the Lord was pleased with the way we celebrated our independence for He blessed in a wonderful way and our souls were made to leap within us as His blessings were poured out upon us. O truly it was good to be there. We had our Annual Home Coming across the fork from the church and we all spent a very happy day there beneath the blue sky and God certainly smiles upon us, bless His dear name forever. It was wonderful to hear the inspired Word coming from the lips of our ministers and to see the shine of inward glory upon the faces of the dear saints. Each heart seemed to be overflowing with joy and LOVE and there was such a sweet spirit hovering over us during all the services.

Besides several of the saints from Marietta, there were some present who did not belong to the Church of God. I think some were Free Methodists. Our beloved Overseer and wife, Brother and Sister Haynes were with us also. Our hearts were all melted together as we greeted them and listened to the words of eternal life as they told us more about the love of

## THE BIBLE SCHOOL

The Assembly suggested a school;  
Some people took it a bit light,  
Other saints worked, while they kept cool;  
The school grew and Satan did fight.

The students needed a good teacher,  
So Nera Chambers did her best,  
Some one said, "manufacturing a preacher,"  
They prayed and God was their guest.

J. B. Ellis was the second teacher;  
The third one was F. J. Lee,  
These teacher brethren were good preachers,  
And both were talented, you see.

The fourth was Brother Payne;  
He, as the others, could preach too,  
In pulpit or school room, was the same;  
Aiming his very best for all to do.

Sister E. L. Moore making the fifth.  
They could never get a better,  
Though the country and city they sift;  
She teaches English to the letter.

Several years since the first term past.  
Some came from Florida, Texas and Maine,  
We too, are glad we came at last,  
The Word is taught, they make it plain.

The next term will begin in the fall,  
So you, save your money and start;  
Don't listen to any other call,  
Come, though some say, "you're not smart."

J. R. DODSON.

God and the way to perfection. As Sister Haynes brought the message Monday night on the various offerings presented before the Lord by the old priest of Israel, the Word of God searched us out and we were made to weep as we began to realize how at ease in Zion we have been and at the close of that sermon each saint fell at the altar and began to cry out to God to move upon this place and restore us to our former power. I am sure each one got up from the altar with a new determination to improve the time. Surely it behooves every one of us to be wide awake and on duty for time is rolling right on and bringing us each day closer and closer to the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and unless we make good use of our time, He will find us empty handed. O my soul crieth out for a real awakening.

Sister Haynes brought another wonderful message Tuesday night and at times the glory would roll and the fire would leap from heart to heart. Brother and Sister Haynes are two spirit filled saints of God and though their lives are crowned with glory yet they are as humble as little children. Truly they are examples of the believers and God is using them in a wonderful way. Every life has a value though it seems that few prove it, but their lives are really worth while because they are not living for self but are giving their whole time and talent in the service of their King. O let us do likewise and not have an empty life to present to our Master when He bids us come. Let us close up the gaps by standing together as a mighty and immovable wall and by loving, not in word, but in deed and in truth so the world will be compelled to say, "Behold how they love each other." God bless you all.—Maymie Patterson.

## THE LORD IS OUR REFUGE

JUDSONIA, Ark.—I want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel. This morning still finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues and a member of the Church of God. I am praising God for His mighty healing power too. He has healed my body many times. Not long ago He healed my little boy when he was in a terrible condition for which I give Him all of the praise.

There is no Church of God here and it seems like the people don't like me because I am holiness but I don't intend to turn back for the Lord said that His people was a persecuted people and I am glad that I can say I'm one of them. I ask each and every saint to pray for my unsaved husband, father and mother that they will come to God before it is too late and also pray for me that I will get stronger in the Lord and be the cause of some one coming to God.—Francis Overry.

I want to say in behalf of the Church of God at Carbon Hill, Ala. that it is doing a wonderful work. I have been in a three weeks revival with them. Some were saved, some sanctified and some received the Holy Ghost. May God wonderfully bless Brother Richard and Brother Clyde Dodd who brought the messages. God surely did stand by them.

I am not a member of the Church of God but am a believer. I have one sister in this way whom I stayed with during the revival. I desire the prayers of the saints.—Noah Weff, Jasper, Ala.

## OUR REDEEMER LIVETH

DEL RIO, Tenn.—We feel like sending a few words of praise to the Evangel for our Lord and coming King. Our Redeemer liveth and is not dead. He sitteth on the right hand of our Father, making intercession for the redeemed ones who trust in Him.

On July 4th Brother T. L. McLain, our State Overseer, came to Shetleys Grove and gave us a few refreshing messages which we all enjoyed very much and on July 9th we went to Carson Springs, about six miles from Newport, Tenn. and had another good time in the Lord. Saints from the surrounding churches met with us Sunday morning. We met with singing and praise to the Lord. Brother McLain delivered the dedication sermon. Brother Letsinger led in prayer and as we stood with uplifted hands we could feel the sacredness of the Holy Spirit hover over us. Thank God we can feel the effect of the sweet Spirit just now as we write, it makes the fire kindle within our soul.

At the noon hour the dear people and saints of God there had well filled baskets and boxes of dinner of which we partook and refreshed our selves. We thank God for each one who helped in this good part.

At 1:30 o'clock we met again for the Sunday School program which had been prepared. We had string music with the organ and the little children did fine with their pieces and this part of the service was enjoyed very much. We love to see the children well trained. After the program Brother Letsinger gave us an inspiring message on "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10. This made us feel the need of being faithful just a few days more and this warfare will be over.

Despite the heat of the day, the house was filled to overflowing. We could not accommodate near all the people who were there, with sitting room but we believe all enjoyed themselves for at the night service, though tired in body, the folks were there again, singing, shouting and praising the Lord. Brother McLain gave us a well seasoned sermon which we all enjoyed. We trust there was good done that will not be forgotten in days to come. We hope to have Brother McLain with us again soon. May the Lord bless him in his good work wherever he goes.

All who reads this breathe a prayer for the work here and for the writer that we may stay humble and do the will of the Lord. We feel that the end is drawing near and it pays all to stay at the post of duty. "Just a little while to stay here, Just a little while to wait; Just a little while to labor, In the path that's always straight. Just a little more of trouble In this low and sinful state, Then we'll enter heaven's portals, Sweeping thru the pearly gates."—George E. Bailey and wife, Pastor.

BESSMER, Ala.—I just want to say the Lord has wonderfully blessed at Parkwood in a meeting which ran from Sunday until Friday with Brother Robert and Sister Minnie Dukes, they went home and the pastor, Andrew Miller, ran the meeting till Sunday. The people wanted him to continue another week so he did. The Lord poured out His blessings. Four were saved and sanctified. Pray for us that we will obey God in every way.—Malron Evans, Route 2, Box 675.



# Divine Healing

## Prayer Answered

MUNCIE, Ind.—I want to write a few words to the Evangel. I promised the Lord if He would heal my little girl I would testify to it. And the Lord healed her, bless His name. Oh! I am so glad that I am one of His children, my husband also has the blessing. We are expecting to go all the way by the help of the Lord.

Please pray that we both might ever be ready to do His will, and also rear our children for His service.—Emma Freed.

## Desires To Be Completely Healed

CONCHO, W. Va.—To all the saints scattered abroad, greetings. I want to praise God for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost, praise God I feel like going on, and I mean to by the help of the Lord.

I have two children who have the whooping-cough, Brother Ross prayed for them, they are not completely healed, but I know that God is able to do all things. I had choking spells at night, Brother Ross also prayed for me. I knew that God could heal, but I became weak in the faith and began taking medicine, but after Brother Ross prayed for me the Lord touched my body though I am not completely healed. I know God is able to heal my body. Pray for me.—Your sister in Christ, Rhoda Criner.

## The Lord Will Keep Through Every Trial

FT. MEADE, Fla.—I want to sound a note of praise to the dear Lord for His mercies to me. I received the handkerchief the saints anointed and prayed over. Husband and I laid it on in Jesus' name and He healed my limb and I went to sleep.

Dear saints pray for me that the Lord will get glory out of my life. I am looking for him to heal me and help me through every trial. I want to get close to Jesus where I can trust Him fully. I praise Him because He picked me up out of sin, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I mean to go through by the grace of God. Pray for me, I am so weak I can hardly sit up in bed, have been sick seven weeks but am better.—Praise the Lord.—Eula Jacobs.

## Healed of Diptheria

DIABLOCK, Ky.—My heart is filled with joy as I think of so many good things the Lord has done for us. He has wonderfully healed in our home many times. I have never testified of it through the Evangel but I think we should tell of it wherever we go.

He healed our little boy of diptheria over a year ago when everyone thought he would die and the doctors forced themselves in and tried to get us to let them doctor him. I told them we were trusting the Lord for our healing. They came back and brought the sheriff. They tried to frighten us by telling us that they would prosecute us if we didn't do something for the child. Husband told them that we were doing all that could be done, was praying and asking the Lord to heal him if it was His will, the Lord gave him to us and He could take him. They quarantined us, told the saints to stay out, and went out telling the people the child would be dead by morning. Two doctors came back early next morning and instead of finding the child dead they found him playing on the porch. Some of the saints asked them what they thought of it now and they said they had nothing to say. They asked husband why the child began to get better and he told them the Lord healed him about fifteen minutes after they had gone the day before.

Well we are still trusting the Lord but had to leave Blue Diamond because they wouldn't let husband work unless he would agree to take the doctor's medicine and not let the saints come to pray for us. We told them that we were going to trust the Lord. The dear Lord is still blessing us. We feel so unworthy and so unthankful. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for the dear old Church of God and for the privilege of attending our Dist. meeting. We surely had a good time in the Lord. Pray for us that we will always stand true and do what the Lord bids.—Rebecca Dixon.

## Sin Is Destruction

ARKADELPHIA, Ala.—I ask space in the dear little Evangel to praise the Lord for what He is to me, He saved me from sin and destruction, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I am so glad that I ever found Him precious to my soul. I also thank Him for His mighty healing power. He can heal when we get sick.

He healed our little girl of chicken-pox. I am praising Him for it today because I know He was the one who did it. I am glad I am on my way to Heaven, have no desire to turn

## Completely Healed

WITHERS, Ky.—I want to praise the Lord for what He has done for me and my family. My baby was taken sick and I prayed for her and the Lord healed her completely instantly. Last spring there was something wrong with my eyes and I suffered greatly; I sent a handkerchief to Brother L. G. Rouse to be anointed, and when it returned I placed it on my eyes, and they have not bothered me since. I give God the glory for healing me.

All of the saints pray that my husband will be sanctified and receive the Holy Ghost. We stand for the Church of God and the doctrine. All of the saints pray for us.—Mrs. Sallie Richards.

## Healed of Indigestion

WINSTON, Ga.—I promised the Lord if He would heal me of indigestion I would testify to it through the Evangel, so praise the Lord He did wonderfully heal me, for which I praise Him. It is wonderful to trust the Lord for the healing of our bodies. Nearly one year ago the Lord saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and added me to the Church of God. And how I praise Him for the way He has stood by me through trials, tests and temptations. Surely we are now living in the last days, the devil is working with all of his force to pull down the children of God, but Jesus says that He will be with us all the way even unto the end of the world. Some of the people here have never heard holiness preached, some do not think of God.

All pray that God will send some good preacher here to preach the gospel and that many souls will be saved. And I am sure the dear Lord will bless if we will only let Him. Pray that we might ever be in the center of the Lord's will.—Bufford Vollrath.

## Better Not Vow Than Vow And Not Pay

ST. ALBANS, W. Va.—I am praising the Lord for healing my baby of a cold and cough. I promised the Lord once that I would testify of His healing power and did not do it and I was punished for it, but how I am going to keep my promise to Him. I want to live true and humble. Pray for my family and me.—Mrs. J. Blair.

## GOD SUPPLIES EVERY NEED

CORBUR, Fla.—I want to testify of God's wonderful power. I am glad I can say that I am "one of them." Four years ago the Lord wonderfully saved me and sanctified me and I tarried till I was endowed with power from on high which was the power that Jesus was talking about and I was baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. Thank God for the fire. Then the light began to shine and I began to say, "Yes Lord," and when I read about divine healing I told Him that I wanted to walk in that light too and I have found God all that I need.

A few weeks ago I had indigestion and it looked like the devil had me down like he wanted me but I called on the saints to pray and told the Lord that He knew I had started to follow Him and I was going to stand on the Word. When I got just where the Lord wanted me He wonderfully healed me of that awful disease and now I am enjoying good health and can eat like I want to again. I am glad that I can trust the Lord and that I belong to the Church of God, the one that Jesus said the gates of hell should not prevail against. We ask your prayers for us at Corbur.—W. M. McCants.

## ACKERMAN, Miss.—I thank God

for His healing power. My wife belongs to the Church of God but I don't. Our baby was very sick and seemed to be getting worse. I couldn't see why God was letting it suffer, so I decided that it was for my disobedience and I called my wife and asked her to pray with me that God might heal our baby. When we got up from prayer our baby was better and is now well and we are thanking God and trusting Him alone. W. J. Overby.

## Jesus a Physician Who Can Heal Instantly

PRINCESS ANNE, Md.—I praise the Lord for salvation full and free. The dear Lord saved me six years ago and sanctified me, baptized me with the Holy Ghost and added me to the great Church of God. The way just gets sweeter all the time. I am no ways tired but feel more like going on each day.

I also want to praise Him for His great healing power. Several months ago He healed my little girl of thrash in her mouth. She was real sick for a week. I asked the Lord to heal her back in this old sinful world. There is nothing to go back to but sin and it will carry you to hell. I knew God and He turned back but I told the Lord if He would take me back into the fold I would live the life and I am trying to do it by His help. Pray for husband and me to live true and rear our children up in the way.—Mrs. Alma Pugh.

and by the next morning she was all right and went on playing as usual. I want to praise Him for healing me of something like pneumonia. I had a bad spell with my heart, a bad cough and misery in my chest and shoulders. I suffered for almost a week. I felt myself giving over to another spell with my heart. I just felt like I would never get over it. I told the Lord that I was willing to go or stay when all at once He healed me. I was so weak that I could hardly say but a few words at a time but the Lord gave me power to sing and talk. It is wonderful to be healed so quickly. I just can't thank Him enough for His healing power. Pray for me that I will be true to my dear Saviour.—Mrs. Harold J. Logg.

ANDERSON, S. C.—I want to say a few words for the glory of God and for the benefit of my friends. I was very sick April 27, 1927 and Sister W. E. Raney prayed for me and the Lord surely did heal my body.

Anyone wanting me to preach in their meeting or to do personal work write me at Anderson, S. C. Box 193, W. E. Raney.—Mary Lynch.

## Baby Healed of Spasms

SCOTTSBORO, Ala.—I want to keep my vows paid up and praise the Lord for healing my baby. He had about eighteen spasms and seemed as if he would leave this world but we kept looking to the Lord and at last He healed him.

We have to live a humble life if the Lord hears and answers our prayers. I don't want to ever be ashamed of the Lord for He will be ashamed of me when He comes back to gather up His saints. I praise Him for what He is to me just now I want to get closer to Him for I feel that the children of God will have some hard things to overcome before this life is over. The pure in heart are the ones who will meet Jesus in peace and I am glad that the Holy Ghost abides with me and I am a member of the Church of God. I ask the prayers of the children of God that I will be humble before the Lord.—Mrs. Liddie Bellamy.

## Abide In The Lord

MIAMI, Fla.—I am praising and thanking God for the healing power. I was suffering with indigestion for sometime. It seemed that the Lord had turned His back on me but I kept holding on to Him with these encouraging words, "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you."

I had to live on bread and milk and was too weak sometimes to pray, could not sing or preach but can now say like David, "The Lord hath done great things for me whereof I am glad." I can preach three sermons a day now. The Lord is blessing us at Miami. I am ready for the field but on account of finance am hindered.—James Sutherland, N. W. 1635-6 Court.

SARASOTA, Fla.—I want to testify of the wonderful healing power of Jesus. Praise His name. For the past eight years I have been afflicted and not able to do my house work half of the time. On Dec. 9, 1926 I had to take my bed but on the 12th I had my husband call in some of the saints of God to pray for me. The Lord heard and wonderfully answered.

I thank Him for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the precious Holy Ghost. Am able now to do most of my work. What a wonderful Savior Jesus is. I want all the saints to pray for me that I may ever stand true.—Mrs. Jeanette Greenamyre, 537 Vermont St.

## God Will Cool Fever

ANDERSON, S. C.—I want to sound a note of praise to our wonderful Savior for what He is to me now. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. I am trying to win many souls for Jesus. I am determined to work for Him as long as I stay in this world.

Our baby was real sick with pneumonia and we called the saints and they prayed and the Lord wonderfully healed him. Our little girl was also sick with pneumonia a few weeks ago, had a very high fever. Brother Odus Smith and some other saints came and prayed for her and the fever cooled while they were praying. Thank God she was healed and hasn't had any fever since. Was up playing in a few days. Jesus is a wonderful Savior and healer.—F. J. Propes.

## God Does Not Need Help

BRISTOL, Tenn.—I praise God for His great love, I am glad that I have the Holy Ghost. I mean to press along to the glory land. I have been real sick, Sister Jones prayed for me and God is wonderfully healing me. He is my all in all. I was healed once but went back on my blessed Redeemer and began to take medicine. I know that God wants us to trust Him for our healing. Pray for me.—Hattie Ashley, 600 Tenn. Ave.

## Only Ask and Receive

KENDRICK, Fla.—I am glad that I am saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost and a member of the great Church of God. I praise Him for His wonderful healing power. I was down with my back for about six weeks. The dear Lord sent Sister Susie Bigger over here and she prayed for me and I was healed by the mighty power of God. Thank the Lord it has been about nine weeks and it has not returned yet. Pray for me that I will be an overcomer.—Amelia Forman.

## ONE WHO WAS IN THE FLOOD

RICHEY, Miss.—We were in the greatest flood in the history of the state. You no doubt have been informed through the papers of the wide spread of devastation that is being wrought through the overflow of the Mississippi and other rivers in this and adjoining states. Thousands of our people are in distress, many are homeless and in destitute circumstances, their homes having been swept away by the surging billows of the angry flood and the end is not yet in sight. Words are inadequate to bring to you the true condition of things as they now exist.

The delta with its acres of rich land, small towns and cities under water had the appearance of one vast sea. The loss of lives and property is great for which we are grieved but we are very mindful of the brave fight waged by the Red Cross, the national, county and municipal governments supplemented in no small degree by courageous citizens everywhere. This is God's wonderful plan of deliverance at this time and this condition will not be void of good fruit for God is an allwise God and knows just how and when to work to make people realize that there is a higher power.

Steamers and small boats were sent out from Vicksburg to rescue the people and they did some heroic work yet many went down to a watery grave. As we came down the Sunflower river to Vicksburg there were thousands of people both white and black yet to be rescued. You could see them perched in tree tops, marooned on levees, or hanging to floating timber and remains of wrecked houses. They would wave and beg the captain to stop and take them on but the boat was already loaded two hundred more than its capacity, so with tears in his eyes he had to pass them up and let them wait for the next boat. O, it was a pitiful sight and would touch the heart of the hardest sinner.

The flood has brought suffering to our people beyond description and in addition to the flood, terrible hurricanes have wrought havoc in the flooded district, destroyed much property and took many precious lives. The hand of God is moving heavily up and down the Mississippi valley and the next time we are visited it may not be a flood or a hurricane for He has many ways in which to work. There may be epidemics, earthquakes or something else. But when our day of visitation comes, whatever it may be, we want to be so close to God that we can say, "Amen" to all that He does for we know that He doesn't make any mistake. He does all things for good to those that love Him.

This has been a great lesson to people. It has taught many that God is our Father, Christ our Redeemer and man our brother and we feel that these lessons were so painfully learned that it will be the means of people getting closer to God and will bring forth a better brotherhood, more sympathy and perfect justice for the weak as well as the strong, the poor as well as the rich and the black as well as the white. Why falter when God is just the same as He was before the water came and has been with us all the way through? Even though worldly possessions are gone, we still have Jesus as the Captain of our salvation, the Holy Ghost as our teacher and God as our Heavenly Father with the promise that He will supply our needs according to His riches in glory. Shall we fail now? No, praise God, a thousand times no. With new courage we will re-adjust our sails and with faith in God and a determination to go through, sail on to final victory. Mary Tidwell.

## NEVER FEELS LIKE RETREATING

RAVIA, Okla.—I praise the Lord for the way that never grows old. I am one of the old soldiers in the Church of God. I have been in many battles but have never felt like retreating.

I praise God for our new church. We have been wandering here and there for years. The real truth can't be preached on the devil's campground very long so the Lord made a way for us where we could see no way and by faith we have taken a stand for the church. We now have sweet freedom in worshipping in a place of our own. We can say like Moses that the place on which we stand is holy ground.

I want to say also that we appreciate our State Overseer and his wife. We also love our pastor. He

## ONLY SAVED BUT SEEKING THE HOLY GHOST

PINSON FORK, Ky.—I praise the Lord for His love and for what He has done for me. He has brought me out of the dark ages of sin and saved my soul. We have a church at McVeigh, Ky. Our pastor is Brother Ellis Stevens and by the help of Jesus he is doing some wonderful work. Several have been saved and some have received the Holy Ghost.

I am sorry that I can only say that I am saved but I am seeking the Holy Ghost. I was once a great soldier for the devil but he and I fell out and I got on the Lord's side and I'm going to stay there. The devil doesn't like me any way but I don't care how angry he gets. I am glad the Lord has been so good to me. He takes care of my family and has healed my little girl, Carmen Ercell, several times. She is five years of age. Pray for her that she might have better health. She is a wonderful believer in the prayers of the saints. The Lord has also healed me of stomach trouble which I had had for ten years. I could not eat without great misery but praise the Lord I can now eat anything that I want. I served the devil for thirty years and he never did heal me of anything and if I were to serve him thirty more years he never would heal me either.

Dear friends it won't do to trust the devil with our bodies and what would he do with our souls? As for me I'm going all the way with Jesus. I want all the saints to pray for me that I will be humble at the foot of the cross and hold up the blood stained banner.—Thomas M. Hunt, box 135.

## ASK FOR THE OLD PATHS

NOVINGER, Mo.—"Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." Jer. 6:16.

Brother, sister, when I look out upon our land and country and see the unrest of the people, people going after everything the devil can put out, it makes me want to yell with such a loud voice that the rocks and hills might tremble. Stand in the ways and ask for the old paths. O dear ones we need to lift up our voice like a trumpet and tell them of their sins. How can we be still and see precious souls going to hell by the teaming millions? Right before our eyes we can see Satan's cunning grip upon them so until they can never loosen unless delivered from that damnable, hell bound spirit.

God help us to wake up and stir the gift that is within us, that they might be loosened. God said we should cast out devils. Brother, sister, I feel we are too easy about the things that damn souls. Just a few Sundays ago I was in a certain church and heard a Baptist minister preach. There he stood before his church filled with listening hearts. He asked me to lead the prayer service. God blessed my heart and gave me a spirit to pray. This precious brother raised up and preached on the Holy Ghost with tears streaming down his face and told his people they surely needed the Holy Ghost and said he was going to seek Him. Oh God help us to tell them about the old path, not only by words, but by suffering for the Gospel and a daily consecrated life in the light of all men.

I was in an all day meeting the 4th of July, among some Assembly of God people. They asked me to preach for them which I did. God surely did lift me up. I could see the Word settling upon them and there were tears and cries for mevery quarter. Brother, I would rather have the job of telling lost souls about Jesus than to have the job of the President of our United States. There are two more places asking me to come and preach. Some don't want to preach for those precious ones, but let's let our light shine for God wherever we may be.

preaches the real truth and is not afraid of the devil. Remember us in your prayers.—Mary Pierce.

## CONFESSION OF BOOZE

My name is sometimes called Booze. Of course that name is right; When I get into a man, He often wants to fight.

I've done a lot of damage. Through all these many years; Causing many, many heartaches, And bringing many bitter tears.

I'm a wrecker of many homes, As very many people know; Spreading a lot of misery, Most everywhere I go.

I've made many a widow, And still more orphans too; There is never any telling, What I am liable to do.

I've lived a long, long time, And am very lively still; I don't see any danger, Of me every getting killed.

I have a great many friends, Whose love is staunch and true; Who always do excuse me, For everything that I do.

Such friends I can depend on, No matter what comes or goes; They will see that I'm here, When the very last trumpet blows.

Such friends love me no little, They'll stand close by my side; Till most all their families, And all their friends have died.

I make fathers abuse their children, And let them go in rage; And spend their money for liquor; In order to get on Jags.

I make men look very silly, And make them feel right glad; With their pants full of holes, And their coat only a rag.

Thus proving I am a deceiver, As all the people may know. Doing the work of the Devil, In most the places I go.

I often get in the driver, Who in stepping on the gas; Endangers the lives of others, In fact all he may pass.

Causing many wrecks on the highways, As very many folks can tell; Sending many a poor lost sinner, A very quick way to hell.

I oft send men to prison, And then laugh at their shame; Still some folks will tell you, That I am not much to blame.

There is a great deal more, I could tell if I would; But hope all who read this, It will surely do them good.

This, my story is ended, I know you'll say its true; Perhaps you'll write me a letter, And I will surely thank you.

W. M. Cox, 3403 Marline Ave., Columbus, Ga.

as long as we don't leave the dear old Church of God. We can't win them for the Church of God by turning our back on them and not showing them that we have the goods.

Some preachers of today are so shallow minded that they are afraid they will lose that little pet religion they have. God help us to rely upon God, pray and cry until we have power enough from on high to go out in highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that they might find rest for their souls; yes, even down into the Red Light District and declare the whole counsel of God. I know from where this came that I have in my soul and I don't have to pet it to keep it but thank God I can use it for the glory of God wherever I get the opportunity.

Who'll come and help me tell these people of north Missouri about the Church of God? Clouds are already beginning to show up and a sound of abundance of rain. Come on brother, help tell the story. I have three places already open to preach. One place, I believe, will be ready for a revival by the middle of July. Pray much for this place as it is new for the Church of God.—John R. Rash, District Overseer of Kirksville Dist., Route 1.

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